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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 9, 2004, Applicant elects the invention defined by the Examiner as Species B, corresponding to Figures 3-6. The following claims are readable on the elected species: Claims 1, and 4-6. This election is made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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